

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 665

By Pitts

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Deliverance Outreach Temple on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the good people of the Deliverance Outreach Temple comprise one such congregation and they are celebrating the church's twenty years of service to the Lord and the community this year; and

WHEREAS, Deliverance Outreach Temple, formally known as the "House of the Lord," was established on April 26, 1992, by Pastor Timothy W. Grant and First Lady Stephanie Y. Grant; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Grant received a vision from God that the church motto would be "Hands reaching out to the community"; and

WHEREAS, Pastor and First Lady Grant held the first church meeting in their home with the following families in attendance: Wiggins, Lonesome, Preston, and Brisbon; and

WHEREAS, the search for a place to worship ended at 924 Power Street in the Clarksville area, where the Grants were drawn to the large symbolic picture of the cross on the window of a vacant building. Shortly thereafter, the Grant family received military reassignment orders and left the Clarksville area; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the distance barrier, Pastor Grant continued to oversee many changes in the ministry; and

WHEREAS, between January and February of 1993, Elder Garrett performed duties as the Interim Pastor until Elder Emmanuel Davis was appointed to the position; and

WHEREAS, in March of the same year, the House of the Lord was officially renamed to "Deliverance Outreach Temple (D.O.T)" and, in May, the church relocated to 201-B Providence Blvd. in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, the Davis family was reassigned to Germany by the military in February of 1994; Minister Lonesome served as the Interim Pastor in March until Elder Preston was appointed as Interim Pastor, the position in which he served until April of 1996, when the Grant family returned to Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2000, D.O.T further transitioned as the Grant family prepared for another military reassignment to El Paso, Texas, and, that May, Elder Emmanuel Davis was reappointed as the Interim Pastor; and

WHEREAS, the church purchased a 13.84-acre piece of land on Garrettsburg Road in Clarksville in 2001 and continued to flourish; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the church van was paid in full, the groundbreaking ceremony was held, the church celebrated its tenth anniversary, the David family was reassigned by the military again, and Deacon Joseph Wiggins was appointed to oversee the ministry; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Grant family continued their journey to Hawaii, during which time God appointed Elder Steve Pearson to serve as Interim Pastor until April 2005; and

WHEREAS, that April, Timothy and Stephanie Grant returned as the pastors of D.O.T, however, Pastor Grant's travels were not over yet, and he completed a one-year deployment, during which time First Lady Grant was appointed to oversee the ministry in his absence; and

WHEREAS, many remarkable changes occurred at D.O.T in 2006: in January, the land on Garrettsburg Road was paid in full and Pastor Grant returned to oversee the ministry; in August, the Cumberland Bank of Clarksville approved a loan for \$514,918 to complete the building of the new church on Garrettsburg Road; and two churches were established as an extension of D.O.T- Greater Works International Ministries in Clinton, Mississippi, and the Kingdom Connection Christian Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the first service at the church's new location was held in September 2007 and, during that time, the church held its first wedding ceremony in the sanctuary as Levi and Vacie Pope were joined in holy matrimony; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the ministry purchased a second van and, in 2010, celebrated eighteen years as a church body; and

WHEREAS, in December 2010, the ministry opened a computer lab for member and community use; and

WHEREAS, for twenty years, the Deliverance Outreach Temple has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of Middle Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Deliverance Outreach Temple on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary and offer our sincerest wishes for every continued success as an uplifting beacon of the Lord's good will.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.